

# PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Lower Level Training Room, City Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alderpersons Kittelson, Dekker, Sampson and Carlson

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Alderperson VanAkkeren

Call to order – The twelfth meeting of the 2011-12 Public Protection & Safety Committee  
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Kittelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the minutes of the Public Protection and Safety Committee meetings from September 28, 2011. Alderperson Dekker moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.

1. **Com. No. 13-11-12 (13-12)** submitting a communication from Robert Kuehl, Vice President, H. C. Denison Co., stating his concern about public safety on the corner of Taylor Dr. and Geele Ave., near the Field of Dreams soccer field and requesting four-way stop signs. City Engineer Ryan Sazama advised that Taylor Drive between Geele Ave. and Saemann Ave. was redone last year with a new storm sewer system. Ryan checked the five year accident history and the history did not support a traffic study. Steve Gilbertson advised enhanced crosswalks with additional signage were already put in place last year to address concerns about pedestrian traffic. Alderperson Dekker moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.
2. **R. O. No. 218-11-12 (13-15)** submitting a communication from Shawn and Holly Lamb requesting a “Deaf Child in Area” sign in their neighborhood. Ryan Sazama advised that in the past the committee has put up these signs at the request of the parents. Ryan referred to Assistant City Attorney Adams’ commentary indicating that such signs have proven to be ineffective and at times dangerous as they tend to cause complacency. Steve Gilbertson spoke about his concern that there is no system in place for following up to remove the sign if the child and family move. After discussion, Alderperson Carlson moved that an ordinance be drafted adding this sign and providing for a system for removal should the Lambs move. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
3. **R. O. No. 214-11-12 (13-21)** submitting a summary of the 2012 Budget Requests for the Enterprise Funds, the Internal Service Funds, and the Trust Funds. The comparison is to the 2011 revised budget.

Police Chief Domagalski summarized the increase in the budget, which he attributed to personnel costs, gasoline, and increased computer fees. The Chief reviewed the department’s strategic goals with the committee. He also explained some of the grants

the department has received in the past two years and advised that he anticipates the department will be receiving additional grant funding next year. Chief Administrative Officer Amodeo noted that the expense of \$140,000 for squad cars was cut out of the department's budget for 2012.

Fire Chief Hermann spoke about difficulties with the start up of the new CAD/RMS software system. The Chief explained the increase in the 2012 budget, attributing it to increases in salaries, overtime, workers comp, vehicle maintenance, and Spillman costs.

Aldersperson Carlson moved to forward the police and fire budgets as they stand with a favorable recommendation to Council. Seconded by Dekker. All aye – motion passed.

4. **R. O. No. 215-11-12 (13-22)** submitting a summary of the 2012 Budget Requests for the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, the Debt Service Funds, and the Capital Project Funds. The comparison is to the 2011 revised budget. This item was discussed with Item #3, **R. O. No. 214-11-12 (13-21)** above. Motion to forward the police and fire budgets to Council with a favorable recommendation passed 4 – 0.
5. **R. O. No. 220-11-12 (13-23)** by the Fire Chief submitting the report of departmental activity for the period commencing April 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2011. Chairperson Kittelson reviewed some main points covered in the report – completion of visits to the skilled nursing facilities in the City, purchase of thermal imaging cameras, placement of fire rings along the lakeshore, and the issues created by the vacancy of the Chief Fire Inspector position. Chief Hermann spoke about the completion of the Survive Alive trailer and the new software system for fire records. Aldersperson Dekker moved to accept and file. Seconded by Aldersperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.
6. **R. O. No. 221-11-12 (13-24)** submitting the Second Quarter 2011 EMS Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement Report (April 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011.) Chief Hermann advised that eight paramedics are currently going to critical care training. Aldersperson Kittelson commented that the number of transports was up from the previous quarter and the Chief noted that collections over the past two months were the highest the department has had. Aldersperson Dekker moved to accept and file. Seconded by Aldersperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
7. **Gen. Ord. 29-11-12 (13-33)** relating to permits and fees for renewable energy installation. Chad Pelishek advised that Assistant City Attorney Adams had some concerns about how the ordinance was written and he has drafted a substitute ordinance for further clarification. Chad explained that this ordinance is lowering the electrical permit fees associated with the use of renewable energy sources. Aldersperson Dekker moved to file document 13-33 and request that the substitute ordinance be sent to Council with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Aldersperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.
8. **Gen. Ord. 30-11-12 (13-34)** relating to stop signs so as to make the intersection of Camelot Blvd. and S. 18<sup>th</sup> St. a four-way stop intersection. Aldersperson Carlson moved to approve. Seconded by Aldersperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
9. **Gen. Ord. 31-11-12 (13-35)** relating to two-hour limits so as to repeal Gen. Ord. No. 82-79-80 and change the parking limits in the 1600 block of the north side of Indiana of Indiana Ave. to 30-minute parking limits. Aldersperson Kittelson explained that this

adjustment was made at the request of area business persons who requested a change in the time limits to accommodate customer parking. Alderperson Sampson moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.

10. **R. O. No. 219-11-12 (13-18)** submitting a communication from Robert Price requesting a waiver to the Sex Offender Residency restrictions to live at 1122A or 1122B Lincoln Ave. Alderperson Kittelson noted that Robert Price has moved out of the City. Alderperson Carlson moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
11. **R. O. No. 222-11-12 (13-37)** submitting a communication from James Gierke requesting a waiver to the Sex Offender Residency restrictions to live at 730 S. Water St. James Gierke was present. After discussion, Alderperson Sampson moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.
12. **R. O. No. 223-11-12 (13-40)** submitting a communication from Elmer J. Schneider requesting a waiver from the Sex Offender Residency restrictions to live at 2626 Georgia Ave. Elmer Schneider was not present and was not contacted due to lack of a telephone number. Chief Domagalski advised that he will send somebody to Mr. Schneider's house for notification. Alderperson Carlson moved to hold. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
13. **R. O. No. 202-11-12 (12-28)** submitting a communication from Chris Jolitz requesting a waiver from the Sex Offender Residency restrictions in order to move to 1511 N. 19<sup>th</sup> St. Alderperson Sampson moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.
14. **R. O. No. 224-11-12 (13-41)** submitting a communication from Chris Jolitz, being an amended page to his application for a request to the Sex Offender Residency restrictions to change the address to 1405 N. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Chris Jolitz was present. After discussion, Alderperson Dekker moved to deny. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.

**Next meeting date:        October 26, 2011**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

JEAN KITTELSON – CHAIRMAN

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